

Green Business Best Management Practices

Green General Contractors

Please use the following sustainability practices as a guide when assessing your general contracting business and creating an environmental management plan.

- Refer to the Construction Best Management Practices available upon request from the Environmental Resources Management Division- environment@miamibeachfl.gov or 305-673-7080.
- Divert pressure wash water and cleaning solutions away from paved surfaces, roadways, storm drains and waterways. Convey wash water to grassy or landscape areas.
- Keep sediment, rock or construction material at least four feet from the curb, driveway or waterway. Locate farther away in high slope areas.
- Install silt fencing and/or floating turbidity barriers along shorelines when repairs or construction is within ten feet of waterway.
- Protected species (i.e. mangroves, Seagrass, saw palmetto) require a City permit for removal.
- Encourage the use of native plants, shrubs and trees.
- Store chemical fluids away from roadways, storm drains and waterways and out of the rain and wind. If outdoors, cover with plastic sheeting.
- Inspect equipment and vehicles often for leaks. Dispose of fluids in an eco-friendly manner.
- Sweep or vacuum wastes such as paint chips, concrete or dust.
- Dispose of chemical fluids properly- recycle when possible or bring to county landfill for proper disposal.
- Never hose down equipment or spills- use dry cleanup methods and properly dispose.

The sustainability of a business is dependent on the decisions made regarding development and management practices. Overall, it is in the best interest of a business to ensure best management practices are incorporated in all levels of decision making to preserve and protect the natural and human environments upon which its operation relies.